

House File 695 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OVERSIGHT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 243)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the testing requirements for sign language
2 interpreters and transliterators.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 154E.3, Code 2011, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. *Examinations.* An applicant may choose
4 examination in American sign language, signed exact English,
5 or another communication system approved by the board. An
6 applicant who chooses examination in signed exact English shall
7 not be graded or evaluated on any portion of the examination
8 relating to American sign language.

9	EXPLANATION
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10 The board of sign language interpreters and transliterators
11 is empowered to prescribe an examination which an applicant for
12 licensure must complete. The board offers examinations in both
13 American sign language and signed exact English.

14 This bill provides that an applicant taking the examination
15 for signed exact English shall not be graded or evaluated
16 on any portion of the examination relating to American sign
17 language.